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Rangoon and Djokjakarta. is urgently required 25X1A in Stockholm, a peripheral reporting officer in Athens and in Rome, an additional peripheral officer in Frankfurt to cover the satellite countries, and more Chinese language officers in Southeast Asia to report on the local Chinese communities and secure information from Communist China; several of these inadequacies would be corrected by the State Department's 1956 over-ceiling budget request.

There is also urgent need for more adequate agricultural reporting on the Soviet Bloc. The Department of Agriculture now has primary responsibility for agricultural reporting; and representatives of its Office of Foreign Agricultural Services have agreed (informally) as to the importance of re-establishing agricultural attaches in Hong Kong, Warsaw, and Bucharest. So far, however, they have felt unable to provide the budgeted funds to support such appointments.

At current staffing levels, Foreign Service reportings suffers from inability of officers, under pressure of other high priority duties, to travel sufficiently outside post cities, provide basic of biographic information, and prepare analytical reports in the volume required by the intelligence community.

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2. An evaluation of the sufficiency of the several agencies! requests in the light of that program;

The several agencies' requests are adequate only to support minimum essential requirements. Certain personnel shortages continue to handicap the overt collection effort of the intelligence community. This deficiency is applicable particularly to the fields of publications and map procurement, agricultural reporting and Foreign Service peripheral reporting.

There is, for example, urgent need for additional personnel to procure publications in London, Cairo, Tokyo, Rangoon and Djokjakarta; to cover geographic information in Stockholm, peripheral reporting in Athens, Rome, Frankfurt; and to cover local Chinese communities and sources on Communist China in Southeast Asia. There is also urgent need for more adequate agricultural reporting on the Soviet Bloc. (The Foreign Agricultural Services, Department of Agriculture, primarily responsible, has been unable to provide budgeted funds to support this activity.)

At current staffing levels, the Foreign Service is unable to produce an adequate quantity of basic biographic information and analytical reports to meet the needs of the intelligence community. Also, because of work pressures on available staff and shortage of travel funds, reporting on areas outside post cities has suffered.

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